Dear Pete:

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Thanks so much for sending me the delightful fruit and wine basket from the people of California. I truly appreciate your special thoughtfulness.

Please accept my warm best wishes during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Pete Wilson United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

HHB/LRC/CAD/AVH/lynn 12HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

GIFT KEPT IN SEN. BAKER'S OFFICE

Dear Michael:

1.

Thanks for sending along your piece from the Los Angeles Times. It is not only correct (as usual), but sets exactly the right tone. Restoring some level of confidence here and abroad is absolutely essential so that we don't talk ourselves into some kind of downturn. That's why the budget agreement, while far from perfect and less than I had hoped for, is better than no agreement at all. I guess I'd forgotten how hard it is to get Congress to agree to cut spending.

My regards and, if I don't talk to you before then, best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Michael J. Boskin Professor of Economics Department of Economics Stanford University Stanford, CA 94305

HHB/DC/CAD/AVH/lynn 12HHB

Dear Mr. Gilsey:

Thanks for your message recommending Paul Volcker for a more official and visible role in advising us on international economic developments. I share your high regard for Paul, have consulted with him on many occasions in the past, and will do so in the future. I will certainly keep your suggestion in mind as we implement our policies and continue our efforts to restore confidence in the financial markets.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Peter L. Gilsey President Potomac Asset Management, Inc. 5247 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015

HHB/DC/LRC/CAD/AVH/lynn 12HHB

Dear Felix:

Thanks for sending along a copy of your comments to Lawton on the extreme volatility in the financial markets. As usual, your thoughts are right on point. As you know, we have an agreement with the Congress that I think takes an important step toward the necessary actions you outlined.

Let me hasten to add that I'm not among those who sense we are out of the woods. Some may think that the President is stubborn on taxes, but I'm here to tell you that the Congress has been more stubborn on real spending cuts. The President has signed on to the whole package, warts and all, and slippage by the Congress from their end of the bargain would not be acceptable to the President or, I believe, well received elsewhere. I remain hopeful that the agreement will succeed, and I intend to work as hard as I can toward that end.

Please keep me apprised of how things look from where you sit.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Felix G. Rohatyn One Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10020

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Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Pete Wilson United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

GIFT KEPT IN SEN. BAKER'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Naples:

Thank you for your letter of December 7 inviting me to attend a dinner hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Young President's Organization on April 20, 1988.

Much as I would like to be with you, the demands of my schedule force me to decline. Nevertheless, you have my best wishes for a successful evening.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Ronald J. Naples
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
Hunt Manufacturing Company
230 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102-4167

HHB/MO/CAD/lynn 12HHB

Dear Mr. Linowes:

Thank you for your kind letter inviting me to the Economic Club's Winter Dinner on January 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Much as I would like to be with you, the demands of my schedule force me to decline. I'm sure I will be missing a wonderful evening and an interesting address.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. R. Robert Linowes
President
The Economic Club of Washington
Suite 301
1155 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

HHB/MO/CAD/lynn 12HHB

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I'm delighted that you, and Pulaski County's Lincoln Club, would think of asking me to be keynote speaker and guest of honor on February 12 or 19, 1988.

Regrettably, I must decline. Much as I would like to be with so many friends gathered for this traditional occasion, the heavy demands of my schedule do not allow me to participate in many out-of-Washington events. Nevertheless, I hope you will accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Harold Rogers House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

HHB/MO/CAD/lynn 12HHB

Dear Casey:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 8. I'm happy indeed that you did take the time to "ask," to serve as Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Automotive Affairs. You can be sure that I will share your interest in serving in this capacity with the appropriate White House staff who are working to fill this vacancy.

Your warm words of support mean a great deal to me, and I deeply appreciate your friendship.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul Case Aiken II 6768 Brigadoon Drive Bethesda, MD 20817

HHB/MO/CAD/AVH/lynn 12HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

cc: Katja Bullock with incoming

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of December 10 recommending Robert Farris for appointment as Federal Highway Administrator.

I have forwarded your endorsement of Bob to the appropriate White House staff members for their review. You can be sure that he will be given every consideration for this important position.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Frank Barnett 7433 Huntland Drive Knoxville, TN 37919

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

cc: Katja Bullock w/inc

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I think that the result, while far from perfect, shows that the elected branches of government can come together and function and should clearly demonstrate that the President is not inflexible on either taxes or defense. After sitting in those negotiations for 20 days, I've got to tell you that if there is any stubbornness, it is in Congress's unwillingness to cut domestic spending, especially entitlements.

We will keep trying.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Robert D. Kilpatrick Chairman and Chief Executive Officer CIGNA Corporation 1 Logan Square Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Dear Bob:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter of November 5. As you know, we have been somewhat busy on both the domestic and foreign fronts.

From the substance of your letter, I expect you are not totally satisfied with the outcome of our budget negotiations. None of us is, but I believe it to be a good first step. The settlement is multi-year and, I would argue, credible; the primary one-time savings are asset sales, which make up only 10% of the package. There are real savings in entitlement programs, including agriculture, and real revenues, all of which translate into permanent reductions. Defense is essentially frozen and domestic discretionary programs are held to a 2% increase for the next two years.

It is not as much as I had hoped or the President had hoped, but it is a good first step. There are only three basic alternatives to reduce the deficit. We could have gone for a larger package, but it would have to include a limitation on COLAs. Whether that is a good idea or not, it is clear there simply aren't enough votes to pass a broad COLA change in either the House or the Senate. The second alternative is the plan that emerged from the negotiations, or something very close to it. The third choice is simply letting the sequester take effect and admitting that the only way we can deal with the deficit is by going on "auto-pilot."

Dear Ms. Houck:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Baerbel K. Houck European and Soviet Affairs National Security Council The White House Washington, D.C. 20506

HHB/JCT/LRC/pt (12HHBA) Summit Thank/A

Dear Gary:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Gary J. Walters Chief Usher Executive Residence The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

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Summit Thank/B

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Erskine W. Wells, Jr. Wells Financial Services Post Office Box 4239 Jackson, MS 39216

HHB/SW/WJB/lasf8 HHB-3

Dear Mr. Trivelpiece:

Thank you for your message recommending Dr. Frederick Bernthal for appointment as Assistant Secretary of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs in the Department of State.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Alvin W. Trivelpiece
Executive Officer
American Association for
 the Advancement of Science
1333 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

HHB/SW/WJB/lasf8 HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

c: Katja Bullock w/inc

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Frank Adams Smith Post Office Box 467 Clayton, GA 30525

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/lasf8
HHB-10

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Hubert E. Thorne Apartment 3 1811 East High Avenue New Philadelphia, OH 44663

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/lasf8
HHB-10

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. A. Wakefield Gordon 1146 Audubon Drive Memphis, TN 38117

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/lasf8
HHB-10

Dear Mr. Martinet:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Eloy B. Martinet 1400 Cashman Drive Las Vegas, NV 89102

HHB/LRC/CAD/AVH/lasf8 HHB-17

Dear Ms. Dixon:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Ruth O'Kain Dixon 2109 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37216

HHB/LRC/CAD/AVH/lasf8 HHB-17

Dear Ms. Litfin:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Almeda G. Litfin Mason Creek 1603 Greening Way Leander, TX 78641

HHB/LRC/CAD/AVH/lasf8 HHB-17

Dear Ms. Freedline:

Thank you for your recent letter and for sharing your ideas with me.

I feel your message deserves a detailed response. For this reason, I have sent your letter to the appropriate officials at the Department of Health and Human Services who will give it full consideration.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Irma Freedline Commission on the Status of Women City of Miami Beach Miami Beach, FL 33139

HHB/WJB/CAD/AVH/lasf8
HHB-13

Dear Dr. Swift:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. George Swift Post Office Box 316 Belvedere, CA 94920

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/lasf8
HHB-1

Dear Mr. Reese:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. R. Page Reese 2123 Oxford Street Rockford, IL 61103

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/lasf8
HHB-1

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Joe V. Moffitt, Jr. 119 West First Avenue Lexington, NC 27292

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/lasf8
HHB-1

Dear Mr. Venable:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to be guest speaker at your annual Lincoln Day Dinner and Reception in February 1988.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell Personal Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Richard S. Venable Chairman Sullivan County Republican Party 5105 Springhill Drive Kingsport, TN 37664

LNM/WJB/lasf8 LNM-1

Dear Mr. Starrh:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to be guest speaker at your Lincoln Day Dinner, February 9 through 12, 1988, in Bakersfield.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell Personal Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Fred Starrh
Chairman
Kern County Republican
Central Committee
Post Office Box 1144
Bakersfield, CA 93302

LNM/WJB/lasf8 LNM-1

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to speak at the Opening Session of the Southern Republican Leadership Conference on February 11, 1988, in New Orleans.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell Personal Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Bryan Wagner Chairman SRLC '88 Host Committee Republican National Convention Suite 1550 1515 Poydras New Orleans, LA 70112

LNM/WJB/lasf8 LNM-1

Dear Roz:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Rozanne L. Ridgway
Assistant Secretary of State
for European and Canadian Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Mr. Mahley:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Donald A. Mahley
Director
Arms Control and Defense Policy
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Captain Brooks:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Captain Linton F. Brooks
Director
Arms Control and Defense Policy
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Fritz:

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Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Fritz W. Ermarth
Special Assistant to the President
and Senior Director
European and Soviet Affairs
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

HHB/JCT/LRC/pt (12HHBA) Summit Thank/A

Dear Ms. Millison:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Cathy L. Millison
Special Assistant to the
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Jacqueline Murphy Administrative Assistant National Security Council The White House Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Ty:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Tyrus W. Cobb Director, European and Soviet Affairs National Security Council The White House Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Bob:

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Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Colonel Robert E. Linhard
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Mr. Perina:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Rudolf V. Perina Director European and Soviet Affairs National Security Council The White House Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Jim:

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Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable James L. Hooley
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential Advance
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Mr. Steiner:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Steven E. Steiner Director, Arms Control National Security Council The White House Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Mr. Rodman:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Peter W. Rodman
Special Assistant to the President
and National Security Council
Counselor
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Marybel:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Miss Marybel Batjer
Deputy Executive Secretary
of External Affairs
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Lucky:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Selwa S. Roosevelt Chief of Protocol Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

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Summit Thank/A

Dear Linda:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Miss Linda Faulkner
Social Secretary to the
White House
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Cathy:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Catherine S. Fenton
Deputy Social Secretary to
the White House
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Michele:

Now that the Washington Summit is over I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the exceptional work you did in making it such a success. I know the President and the First Lady appreciate it, but I wanted you to know that I do too.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Miss Michele L. Archambault Director White House Visitors' Office The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

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